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SUBJECT: SAG MEASURES TO HONOR ARTICLE XXVIII COMMITMENT

-- TO REMOVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 3523, 6/4/74 (B) GENEVA 0301, 1/21/75

(C) PRETORIA 0407, 2/4/75 (D) CAPE TOWN 797, 12/21/72

1. NEW SAG IMPORT CONTROL LIST EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1975
REFLECTS REMOVAL OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, ORIGINALLY
IMPOSED FOR BOP REASONS, ON NUMEROUS PRODUCT CATEGORIES OF
TRADE IMPORTANCE TO U.S.

2. CURRENT LIBERALIZATION, HOWEVER, ONLY PARTIALLY FULFILLS
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ULTIMATE SAG COMMITMENT UNDER TERMS OF ARTICLE XXVIII

SETTLEMENT "O ADD THE ITEMS TO THE FREE LIST" WHEN NECESSARY DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET. THIS SAG OBLIGATION IS APPLICABLE WHEN TARIFF CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED ON ANY ITEM INVOLVED IN ARTICLE XXVIII, WHETHER WITHDRAWAL, MODIFICATION, OR NEW CONCESSION. OUR EXAMINATION SHOWS 35 SUCH TARIFF CHANGES TO DATE. OF THESE, FOLLOWING 16 ARE STILL SUBJECT TO IMPORT PERMIT REGULATIONS (PARAGRAPH OF REGULATIONS INDICATED):

19.02-PREPARATIONS OF FLOUR, STARCH, ETC, SPECIALLY FOR INFANTS (PARAGRAPH III); 20.02-VEGETABLES PREPARED OR PRESERVED SPECIALLY FOR INFANTS (III); 20.05-JAMS, FRUIT JELLIES, MARMALADES, ETC. SPECIALLY FOR INFANTS (III); 20.06-FRUIT, PREPARED OR PRESERVED (III); 44.03-CONIFEROUS WOOD IN THE ROUGH(IV); 44.04-CONIFEROUS WOOD ROUGHLY SQUARED OR HALF SQUARED(IV); 44.05-CONIFEROUS WOOD, SAWN, SLICED OR PEELED(IV); 70.13-CERTAIN MACHINE-MADE GLASS-WARE (III); 82.05-CERTAIN INTERCHANGEABLE TOOLS FOR HAND TOOLS, MACHINE TOOLS, ETC. (III); 84.15-HOUSEHOLD REFRIGERATORS WITH CAPACITY EXCEEDING 340 LITRES(IV); 84.45-MACHINE-TOOLS FOR WORKING METAL (SOME II, SOMEIV); 84.59-PORTABLE OR MOBILE MACHINERY FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (PRESSES UNDER IV, OTHER MACHINERY II); 85.15-RADIO PARTS (II); 85.19-ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR RADIO, RADAR, TV, RADIOTELEGRAPHIC OR RADIOTELEPHONIC USE (II); 87.01-AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS (II UNLESS OF KINDS WHERE AFTER-SALES SERVICE NOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN WHICH CASE, IV); 87.02-COMPONENTS AND SUBASSEMBLIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (II).

3. US HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS ON ABOVE ITEM IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON REFRIGERATORS UNDER ITEM 84.15 (REF. D). SINCE CONCESSION ON 84.15 WAS WITHDRAWN IN ARTICLE XXVIII AND 25 PERCENT DUTY IMPOSED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 1975, SAG HAS COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE IMPORT PERMIT.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS ABOVE COMPLAINTS WITH SAG IN CONTEXT OF ARTICLE XXVIII AND ASCERTAIN WHEN SAG PLANS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ITS COMMITMENT. INGERSOLL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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